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JENNIE BAXTER: JOURNALIST

BY ROBERT BARR.

VII.—The Wizard In His Magic Attic.

When Jennie entered the carriage in which her friend was waiting, the other cried, "Well? have you seen him?" apparently meaning the director of police.

"No, I did not see him, but I talked with him over the telephone. I wish you would have heard our conversation. It was the funniest interview that I ever took part in. Twice or three times I had to shout off the instrument, fearing the director would hear me laugh. I am afraid that before this business is ended you will be sorry I am a guest at your house. I know I shall end by getting myself into an Austrian prison. Just think of it! Here have I been blubbering up the chief of police in this imperial city as if I were a wild western bronco. I have been terrorizing the man, browbeating him, threatening him, and he the person who has the liberty of all Vienna in his hands, who can have me dragged off to a dungeon cell any time he likes to give the order."

"Not from the Palace Steinheimer," said the princess, with decision.

"Well he might hesitate about that; yet, nevertheless, it is far funny to think that a mere newspaper woman, coming into a city which contains only one of two of her friends, should dare to talk to the chief of police as I have done to-night and I can him actually to beg that I shall remain in the city and continue to assist him."

"Tell me what you said?" asked the princess eagerly, and Jennie related all that had passed between them over the telephone.

"And do you mean to tell me that you are going to give that man the right to use all the information you have acquired, and allow him to accept complacently all the kudos that such a discovery entitles you to?"

"Why, certainly," replied Jennie. "What good is the kudos to me? All the credit I desire I get in the office of The Daily Bugle in London."

"But, you silly girl, holding such a secret as you hold, you could have made your fortune," insisted the practical princess, for the principles which had been instilled into her during a youth spent in Chicago had not been eradicated by her residence in Vienna. "If you had gone to the government and said, 'How much will you give me if I restore to you the missing gold?' just imagine what their answer would be."

"Yes, I suppose there was money in the scheme if it had been really a secret. But you forget that tomorrow morning the chief of police would have known as much as he knows to-night. Of course, if I had gone alone to the treasury vault and kept my discovery to myself, I might, perhaps, have 'held up' the government of Austria-Hungary as successfully as I 'held up' the chief of police to-night. But with the director watching everything I did, and going with me to the chemist, there was no possibility of keeping the matter a secret."

"Well, Jennie, all I can say is that you are a very foolish girl. Here you are, working hard, as you said in one of your letters, merely to make a living, and now, with the greatest nonchalance, you allow a fortune to slip through your fingers. Now, I am simply not going to allow this. I shall tell my husband all that has happened, and he shall make the government 'treat' you honestly, if not generously. I assure you, Jennie, that Lord Donal—no, I won't mention his name, since you protest so strenuously—but the future young man, who is to be, will not think the less of you because you come to him with a handsome dowry. But here we are, at home, and I won't say another word on the subject if it annoys you."

When Jennie reached her delightful apartments—which looked even more luxuriantly comfortable bathed in the soft light that now flooded them from quiet toned shaded lamps than they did in the more garish light of day—she walked up and down her sitting room in deep meditation. She was in a quandary. Whether or not to risk sending a coded telegram to her paper was the question that presented itself to her. If she were sure that no one else would learn the news, she would prefer to wait until she had further particulars of the treasury catastrophe. A good deal would depend on whether the director of police took any one into his confidence that night or not. If he did not, then he would be aware that only he and the girl possessed that important piece of news. If a full account of the discovery appeared in the next morning's Daily Bugle, then, when that paper arrived in Vienna, or even before, if a synopsis were telegraphed to the government, as it was morally certain to be, the director would know at once that she was the correspondent of the newspaper whom he was so anxious to frighten out of Vienna. On the other hand, her friendship with the Princess von Steinheimer gave her such influence with the chief's superior that after the lesson she had taught him he might hesitate to make any move against her. Then, again, the news that, tonight belonged to two persons might on the morrow come to the knowledge of all the correspondents in Vienna, and her efforts, as far as The Bugle was concerned, would have been in vain. This consideration decided the girl, and, casting off all sign of hesitation, she sat down at her writing table and began the first chapter of the solution of the Vienna mystery. Her opening sentence was characteristically diplomatic, "The chief of police of Vienna has made a most startling discovery." Beginning thus, she went on to details of the discovery she had that day made. When her account was finished and certified, she went down to her hostess and said:

"Princess, I want a trustworthy man, who will take a long telegram to the central telegraph office, pay for it, and come away quickly before any one can ask him inconvenient questions."

"Would it not be better to call a dienstmanner?"

"A dienstmanner? That is your commissionaire or telegraph messenger? No, I think not. They are all numbered and can be traced."

"Oh, I know!" cried the princess. "I will send our coachman. He will be out of his livery now, and he is a most reliable man; he will not answer inconvenient questions himself, or allow others, even if they are asked."

To her telegram for publication Jennie had added a private dispatch to her editor that it would be rather inconvenient for her if he published the account next morning, but she left the decision entirely with him. Here was the news, and if he thought it worth the risk he might hold it over; if not, he was to print it regardless of consequences.

An hour and a half later, with [illegible] day, so that he might not [illegible] fair representative, but no anxious was he that he sat up all night until the oth-

He thought [illegible] sigh of relief [illegible] them, he [illegible] pocketed the [illegible] time he wanted to be [illegible] ing New Year's [illegible] have as well [illegible] the director [illegible] a flash, grew the clear [illegible] Professor Carl Seigfried. The [illegible] of the princess was absorbed in the disposal of the girl, but on this occasion she did not wish to be interrupted with such [illegible] as an entrance.

The young lady's indignation flared with swift violence, and left her at the moment she had given the driver. The building seemed to become for out an flats and to contain. She mounted stair after stair until [illegible] at the very top she saw the professor's name painted on a door. He [illegible] several times without any attention being paid to her summons, but at last the door was opened partially by a man whom she took, quite accurately, to be the professor himself. His head was white and his face deeply wrinkled. He glared at her through his glasses and said to her [illegible]

"You are lucky, you have made a mistake. The office of the rooms of Professor Carl Seigfried."

"It is Professor Carl Seigfried that I wish to see," said the girl hurriedly as the old man was in pairing to shut the door.

"What do you want from him?"

"I want some information from him about explosives. I have been told that he knows more about explosives than any other man living."

"Quite right. he does. What, then?"

"An explosion has taken place, producing the most remarkable results. They say that neither dynamite nor any other known force can [illegible] such an effect. Chemicals and minerals as this power has [illegible]"

"Ah, dynamite is a toy for children," [illegible] the old man, opening the door a little further, evidently no inclined to let watch [illegible] at that moment been absent from his master. "Well, what did this explosion take [illegible] Do you wish me to go and see it?"

"Perhaps, later on. At present I wish to show you some of its effects, but I don't propose to [illegible] in the [illegible] stairway."

"Quite right, quite right," hastily ejaculated the old scientist, the swing the door wide open. "Of course I am not accustomed to visits from fashionable young ladies, and I thought at first there had been a mistake, but if you have any real scientific problem I shall be delighted to give my attention to it. What may appear a very [illegible] to the lay mind will doubtless prove fully explainable by scientists. Come in, come in!"

The old man shut the door behind her and led her along a dark passage into large apartment, whose ceiling was the roof of the building. At first sight it seemed an amazing disorder. Huge as it was, it was cluttered with curious shaped machines and instruments. A twisted coil apparatus of glass tubing, but not [illegible] stood on a central table and had evidently been occupying the professor's attention at the time he was interrupted. The place was [illegible] with shelving where the walls were not occupied with cupboards, and every shelf was loaded with bottles and apparatus of [illegible] kinds. Whatever else Professor Seigfried took of his [illegible] he seemed to have little [illegible] his furniture. There was hardly a decent chair in the place, except one deep armchair, covered with a [illegible] in which the professor evidently took his ease while meditating or watching the progress of an experiment. The chair he drew forward for the young lady to [illegible] did not offer her a chair at all, but sank down on the floor sideways, and, leaning the tips of his fingers together, looked glared at her through his glittering glasses.

"Now, young woman," he said, "simply what have you to say to me? I don't begin to charge [illegible] my time is valuable. So, if you have [illegible] to say, you will please [illegible] and I will tell you all I can [illegible] simply this [illegible]"

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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THE Democrats and Populists of Crawford county have succeeded in again effecting a combination on their county ticket. For the Legislature the Democrats are given two candidates and the Populists one. Through this alliance they hope to carry the county. The Republicans are fully aware of the work before them and having an excellent ticket in the field they propose to win if hard work will effect that result.

THE Shanghai Annias who sends out dispatches concerning the situation in China is still in evidence. His latest story is to the effect that the imperial palace at Pekin has been burned, the Emperor murdered and that the Empress Dowager has committed suicide. In the absence of authoritative advices it is impossible to gain any intelligible idea as to the exact condition of affairs at the present time.

LONDON Truth says that one of the British officers who were until recently imprisoned at Pretoria wrote home to his sister as follows: "It is awfully slow. I have read every book in the prison library, and there is not a thing left to do." The Boer censor who read the letter put a big blue mark against the passage, and made the following footnote below: "Now you shall see what lies your prisoners tell in their letters. The prison library contains 10,741 volumes."

THE salaries of postmasters are a pretty certain index as to the growth of the towns in which their offices are located. In McKean county the salaries of four presidential postmasters have been increased, viz: Bradford, Kane, Smethport and Mt. Jewett, the first three $100 each and the last $300, which shows conclusively that the four towns are forging ahead and Mt. Jewett particularly so. The other two presidential offices are Eldred and Port Allegany. The salary of the first is dropped $100 while there is no change in the salary of the other.

THE Republican National convention, in session at Philadelphia, will doubtless to-day, by acclamation, nominate William McKinley for President and Theodore Roosevelt for Vice President. Although Governor Roosevelt declared that he was not a candidate and would not accept the nomination, he was compelled to yield to the popular demand and consent to take the place. McKinley and Roosevelt is a winning combination—the strongest that could be named. In no small measure is this result due to the efforts of Senator Quay, who is to day a greater power in National politics than ever.

THE Board of County Commissioners of Wichita county, Kan., has just abolished the poorhouse, there being no more paupers in the county. One old soldier is the only dependent person in the county, and he is being cared for by popular subscription; hence the county may be said to be pauperless. Ten years ago there were over five hundred paupers in Wichita county, but the crops have been so large since that everybody has made plenty of money. No tramps are allowed to remain idle in the county. They must work or leave. Another good result following bountiful crops is the dropping of Populism by the Kansas farmers. That state is as certain to be counted in the Republican column in November as Pennsylvania.

THE New York World the other day announced its intentions to support Bryan for President, but later on it printed a leading editorial showing that the Chicago platform of 1896 lost nearly one hundred electoral votes which in 1892 were given to the Democratic national ticket. The purpose of this editorial is to induce the Kansas City convention to ignore the Chicago platform of 1896, The Philadelphia Record, an unswerving opponent of the 16 to 1 dogma, and yet one of the ablest Democratic papers of the country, comments on the World's editorial as follows: "It might as well whistle the 'Arkansaw Traveler' to Cleopatra's needle with the expectation of exciting the latter to the performance of a jig as to address such an argument to the Kansas City convention in the hope that it will get the slightest attention from that body."

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 18, 1900.

President McKinley has devoted a considerable portion of his office hours for the last two or three days to receiving delegates to the Philadelphia convention, who stopped over in Washington to pay their respects to the President, and incidentally to talk a little politics and give him the latest concerning the sentiment of their respective localities. Mr. McKinley never appears to better advantage than when in contact with the rank and file of the party. Other Presidents have had a knack of appearing to consult humble members of their party, but Mr. McKinley really does consult them and ask their advice upon matters of party policy, and more than one important political move has been made by him as the result of advice asked for and received from members of the party who are scarcely known outside of the immediate locality of their homes. It is because he realizes that a man doesn't have to be prominent to have good judgment that President McKinley is so well liked by the rank and file of the party.

The situation in China grows worse instead of better, and it may become necessary for this government to send soldiers from the Philippines to properly protect American interests in China. The break in telegraphic communication with Pekin has resulted in the circulation of many sensational stories, which may or may not be based upon truth. The administration has not the slightest desire to meddle with China, but it intends to protect our large and increasing commercial interests in that country at all hazards.

An official statement, prepared at the Treasury Department, shows that during the first three months of the new financial law, there have been 362 applications for authority to organize National banks, with a total capitalization of $16,196,000, 280 of which were for banks of $50,000 or less capital. During that period 159 National banks, with a combined capital of $8,645,000, have been actually organized and open for business with an increase of $51,997,910 in National bank circulation. If proof were needed of the wisdom of the National banking clause of the new financial law, it would be furnished by these figures, showing the quickness of the people to recognize the benefits open to them by a provision for National banks with less than $50,000 capital.

Senor Nicholas Rivero, editor of a leading Havana paper, who is now in Washington, pays this high compliment to Gen. Leonard Wood, military governor of Cuba: "Gen. Wood is an honest and wise official and is doing all he can to give the Cubans a good administration."

Mr. James J. Walton, of Idaho, stopped long enough in Washington to give his ideas of the political outlook in his state. He said: "Idaho will go Republican this year. We lost the state four years ago by nearly 20,000, but the elections of the last two years brought that majority down considerably, and we think that this year we will again get control of the state. McKinley and prosperity are responsible. We have not had such prosperous times in ten years past, as we are experiencing to-day. We are rapidly developing our industries. Our people are paying off their debts. We are too well off to think of making a change. We are satisfied with the present state of affairs. McKinley and prosperity are much better than Bryan and demoralization."

Although the farmers in all sections of the country are prosperous, the Democratic Congressional campaign committee have undertaken to convince them that they are not. The committee actually puts out a claim that the farmers have lost two billions of dollars under the McKinley administration by the decline in prices of farm products. The farmer who remembers that he was heavily in debt when the Cleveland administration closed, and who is now out of debt and has a balance to his credit in bank, will be convinced by this sort of literature that the correct reading of the adage should be "figures can lie," especially when manipulated by those who care nothing for facts. The Republicans might find it good politics to aid in getting this sort of Democratic literature into the hands of prosperous farmers.

Chairman Babcock, of the Republican Congressional campaign committee, who has a record of never having made a mistake in sizing up the political outlook, says the Republicans will not only hold their majority in the House, but will increase it at this year's election. He regards the Democratic claim of the next House as a bluff, with absolutely nothing behind it.

Information for School Boards.

Smooth lightning rod salesmen are working school boards and selling charts, such as the so-call New-Education, and prices obtained for such charts varies from $7 50 to $60 per set. The school board that pays $60 gets the same thing as the one that pays $7 50 Prices are governed by the greenness of the school board. Side payments or "grafts" for getting signatures run high in most cases. The cost of charts to salesmen averages from $3 to $4 per set. Thousands have been sold at retail for less than $10 per set. In 10 000 set lots such charts are made for $2 per set.

F. G. RICHARDSON.

Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. Babcock, Erie, Pa It is for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Daly & Eggendahl have opened a carriage store on Mechanic street. If you contemplate purchasing a vehicle of any kind see their stock and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. 18-tf.

Dan Brasted is prepared to furnish his customers with all kinds of garden truck. Everything in this line fresh and green.

When in need of scythes and snaths give us a call. The prices are winners.

MASON'S HARDWARE.

For Sale.

A house and lot in desirable location. Inquire of T. F. Richmond.

Ice cream in bricks at Brasted's. Telephone orders promptly filled

Assignee's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT W. T. Seger and A. D. Doyle, as partners doing business as Seger & Doyle, and W. T. Seger of the borough of Smethport, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania by deed of voluntary assignment of this date, have assigned to Sheridan Gordon of said borough of Smethport, in trust for the benefit of the creditors of the said firm of Seger & Doyle, and of the said W. T. Seger all of the real and personal estate of the said firm of Seger & Doyle and the said W. T. Seger, except such property to the value of three hundred dollars as shall be allowed the said W. T. Seger in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of April 9th, 1849, and its supplements.

All persons indebted to the said firm of Seger & Doyle and the said W. T. Seger will make immediate payment to the said assignee, and those having claims or demands will present the same.

SHERIDAN GORDON,
Assignee of Seger & Doyle and W. T. Seger.
Smethport, Pa., May 25th, 1900.

First Republican Convention.

The National convention of the Republican party, which is now in session in Philadelphia, has been the means of inciting a good deal of misinformation regarding the earlier gatherings of the party. For example, some papers are saying that Fremont, the first Presidential candidate nominated by the Republican party, was selected in a convention held in Pittsburg in 1856, and that a convention took place shortly afterward in Philadelphia to ratify the candidacy. This is a mistake, however, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat, which gives the following historical outline of the beginnings of the National Republican party:

There were national gatherings in Pittsburg and in Philadelphia in 1856, but their purpose was different from that mentioned here.

January 17, 1856 a call was issued by the chairman of the Republican State Committees of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin, inviting "the Republicans of the Union to meet in informal convention at Pittsburg on the 22nd of February, 1856, for the purpose of perfecting the national organization, providing for a national delegate convention of the Republican party, at some subsequent day, to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, to be supported at the election in November, 1856." This is the precise language of the call.

At the Pittsburg gathering of Feb ary 22 23, 1856, which was participated in by a large number of the leading spirits of the new party, including Greeley, Giddings, Wilmot (whose slavery anti extension proviso of 1846 formed the basis of the party's creed), George W. Julian, Owen Lovejoy, Edwin D. Morgan, Francis P. Blair, John A. King, and many others, a national committee was formed which, on March 20, called a delegate convention to meet in Philadelphia (the seat of government at the time the Declaration of Independence was adopted), on June 17 (the anniversary of Bunker Hill), and at that city, in the convention which opened on that day, the national ticket of 1856—Fremont and Dayton—the Republican party's first nominees for President and Vice President, respectively, were put up. The conference of Republican leaders and workers which met in Pittsburg on Washington's birthday of 1856 created the national framework of the Republican party. The delegate convention which assembled in the old cradle of independence on Bunker Hill day of that year selected the Republican party's first national ticket.

If troubled with rheumatism give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsey, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it Every bottle warranted. Price 25 and 50 cts. L. K. Hogarth & Co., druggists.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have started their fountain and opened their ice cream parlor, with side entrance. Ice cream by the dish or in quantity.

A Bold Announcement!

Read it and you will be Convinced of its boldness.

So many people have got to thinking that [illegible] and catalogue houses of Chicago, St. Louis [illegible] home merchants charge more than [illegible] to obtain their trade.

Now, right at the above we propose [illegible]

We propose to meet the prices of any of the Department Stores or Catalogue Houses

All we ask is that you read our [illegible] house, and give us same credit [illegible] we will meet the [illegible] Think you [illegible] each and every price they make and furnish you the same goods at the same prices they offer you.

WE WILL GO FURTHER.

We don't ask you to take any [illegible] this assertion. If any of your [illegible] full or part of it [illegible] transportation, storage and freight on the [illegible] of ours.

Some people prefer to buy [illegible] ordered from Chicago, etc. We know [illegible] bought away from Smethport [illegible] We can do nothing for, but [illegible] can we can and will do some [illegible]

Let us risk a trial on the [illegible] away from home. Bring your [illegible] a reasonable excuse don't [illegible] results.

We are residents of Smethport. [illegible] have to live and must consider [illegible]

Is there anything wrong about our Proposition?

The whole [illegible] money above [illegible] many communities are suffering. That [illegible] No much for cash will spoil [illegible] full or part of cash to meet low [illegible] prices of sale may be reputed, but [illegible] no row is held up just so long [illegible] for the merchant until he gets [illegible] the advantage. In price [illegible] trust your every command [illegible] plaint of poor trade and often [illegible] it. Many times a seeming [illegible] merely a small interest on [illegible] think you will get better results.

We handle a full line of Shelf Hardware, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Window Glass, Lumber, Sash Doors, etc.

Call when in town and make [illegible] want to rest and we [illegible]

Holmes & Gilfillan,
Smethport, Pa.

IF YOU WANT

A FIT

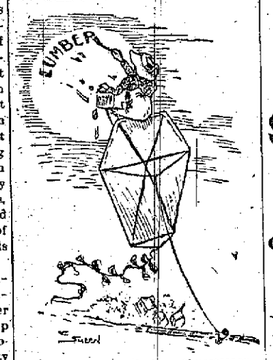
CALL ON

Shillenn & Torrence,

The Leading Tailors,

Chadwick Block. Smethport.

Well! Well! Well!



To attract your attention, if necessary, we will next paint our sign on the moon.

Before placing your orders elsewhere get our prices on

Lumber, Shingles Sash, Doors and Glass.

We have a complete stock of all kinds of first class BUILDING MATERIAL and will save you some money.

A. Miller & Son
18 KENNEDY STREET, BRADFORD, PA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Keating School District, A. C. Stickles, Treasurer.

Receipts and expenditures for 1899. Tax rate 18 mills school and 3 mill building on the dollar for valuation.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year	$ 995 47
From collector	2005 10
" county treasurer	1109 28
" State appropriation	3052 15
" all other sources	24 15
	$ [illegible]

EXPENDITURES.

For purchasing ground	20 00
" building and furnishing	657 37
" teachers' wages	2117 00
" text books and supplies	622 56
For fuel and contingencies	288 56
" commission to school treasurer	151 06
For salary of secretary	182 00
" [illegible] attending Institute	36 00
For renting and repairing	15 [illegible]
" other expenses	15 [illegible]
Amount due from M. C. Stickles to Lance	1085 [illegible]
	$ [illegible]

RESOURCES.

Amount due from M. C. Stickles, school treasurer	[illegible]
Amount due from M. W. Henlein, collector	[illegible]
	$ [illegible]

LIABILITIES

Outstanding orders	[illegible]
Resources above liabilities	[illegible]
	$ [illegible]

We, the auditors of Keating township, having examined the accounts and vouchers of M. C. Stickles, school treasurer of said township from the first Monday in June 1899 to the first Monday in June, 1900, in account with school fund, do find them as above stated. Witness our hand and seal this [illegible] day of June, 1900.

E. C. DAY,
A. E. COVEY, } Auditors.

THE SUMMER SESSION

of

The Edinboro State Normal School

Begins Tuesday, July 3.

A school for the busy teacher and the ambitious student. The following courses of study will be pursued: Psychology, Pedagogy, Science, Mathematics, Languages, Literature, Ethics, Civics and Commercial branches. You cannot afford to miss the opportunity.

For circulars and information address

John F. Bigler, Principal.
Edinboro, Pa.

FOURTH OF JULY

1776 1900

CELEBRATION!

AT

SMETHPORT.

Come to Progressive SMETHPORT and Celebrate the last Fourth of the 19th Century in an up-to-date manner.

LIST OF EVENTS,

which will positively occur.

SUNRISE SALUTE,
124 GUNS.

BICYCLE RACES
AT 10 A. M., ROAD RACE FOR $25 PURSE.

Industrial Parade

At 10:45 a. m. Exhibits by our business men and industries, headed by Marshal of Day with aids, mounted, the Coudersport Band, the President of the Day and Board of Trade in automobiles.

11:45 a. m. Automobile Race.

Most novel race ever held in this section.

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

Including reading of Declaration of Independence by G. B. Mayo.

RACES and CONTESTS.

Purses $25. 100-yard dash, potato, egg, sack, cartridge, shoe and stocking races, greased pig, etc.

BASE BALL 3 p. m.

COUDERSPORT vs. SMETHPORT
For Championship of McKean and Potter.
PURSE $150.00

Fantastic Parade,

Forty fun furnishing fantasies,
Travesties on public events, local and national, culminating in the doings of the Darktown Fire Brigade.

ILLUMINATED
Bicycle Parade,
at 8:00 p. m.

Grand Display of
FIREWORKS
at 9:00 p. m.

BIG PUBLIC DANCE
Afternoon and evening. First class music.

COUDERSPORT BAND.

THE FINEST BAND IN NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HAS BEEN ENGAGED AT GREAT EXPENSE FOR THIS OCCASION.

A barrel of flour given to the person bringing in the largest number of people at one load.

Excursion Rates on all railroads.

President of the Day, F. W. BROWNELL.
Marshal, G. W. MITCHELL.

RACES.

Bradford Driving Park,

BRADFORD, PA.

June 26, 27, 28 and 29.

$5,200 IN PURSES.

MANY OF THE NOTED HORSES OF THE COUNTRY WILL COMPETE.

BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE.

Every day will be "the best day." Excursion rates on all railroads.

Admission, 50c. Children under 12, 25c.

L. E. MALLORY, President. E. P. WHITCOMB, Secretary.
FRANK B. WALKER, Starting Judge.

COME TO BRADFORD.

You will find all the variety here that anyone can wish for. You buy at prices which no store can undersell, yet get lines that are tested that are selected to sustain our reputation. You get all the possible benefits of the greatest stores.

HAMMOCKS.

All the styles made by three great makers—bought in enormous quantities—sold on very small margins.

The 1900 hammocks are unique. No styles ever shown like them. Prices 75 cents up. For $2 a very good one. The best in the store for $4.50—worth $6.

LAWN MOWERS.

We sell good lawn mowers for less than any other store around here And we alone sell the genuine Pennsylvanias — the best ever made.

Lawn mower sharpeners $1.00.

BABY CABS.

We show fifty styles of baby cabs with many new features. Not a price has advanced over last season, though cost has advanced enormously.

Prices run from $6.50 up.

Go carts made in all styles in accordance with our own specifications. They will please you.

RUBBER PAINT.

Our paint stock includes the best of everything. But the most economical paint that we have is Rubber Paint. We have tested it for 17 years and have found it durable. It outlasts common paint two and three times over. Sold ready mixed in 20 colors—$1.50 per gal.

REFRIGERATORS.

We sell Vogt's—for 35 years the standard for honesty. They are so economical of ice that they pay for themselves over and over. Modern in every way save the filling. Such honest filling isn't common now.

Prices $8 up.

Ice chests $5.50.

RUBBER HOSE.

The warranted kinds, from 8 to 11 cents per foot. You cannot get the poor kinds for less.

ICE CREAM FREEZERS.

The Peerless—so convenient that a child can operate. Quick —freezes in 3 minutes. Two-quart size for $1.75.

DINNER SETS—$4.95.

We have some dinner sets of 100 pieces that we sell at less than half value because of slight imperfections. They are the best bargains ever offered in this department.

HARNESS.

No store in this section can compete with us on harness. The owners of this store are horsemen. We know what is good and how to buy it. An $11 harness for $8. Harness for every purpose, and everything else for a horse.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

Emery & Weaver. BRADFORD, PA.

New Line Shirt Waists

Just received at store of D. C. Young; also stock collars and pulley belts. Call and examine same.

Do not forget to ask for hosiery and underwear.

Women's gauze underwear at 5c per garment and upward.

Men's, Women's and Children's hose, from 5c a pair up to 50c.

Grocery stock complete—New line of Heinz celebrated pickles, olives, &c. Canned corn 5c to 15c a can. All other goods in proportion.

Everything bought and sold for cash.

No one allowed to undersell us, who expects to continue in business.

D. C. YOUNG.

SMETHPORT, PA.

June 12, 1900.

BLIND.

What a horrible sensation you experienced when you looked upon that unfortunate man and realized his deplorable condition. Ever thought of yourself, thought that by your persistent careless ness you might some day have the same affliction? Unless by accident, blindness always comes one way—by NEGLECT. Eyes become weak, you strain them. They become weaker, you continue your carelessness, at last it is too late, your case is hopeless no help no cure. Come in today We'll examine your eyes and tell you just what is needed FREE of charge. Then if you like will supply you.

Chas. H. Robie,
Leading Optician and Jeweler.

143 N. Union St. - Olean, N. Y.

Following is a partial list of goods carried by

L. K. HOGARTH & CO.

Opposite Court House.

Cut Glass Ware	Fishing Tackle	Patent Medicines
Sterling Silver Novelties	Stationery	Drugs
Plated Ware	Blank Books	Chemicals
Inks & Mucilage	Leather Goods	Tooth Brushes
Wave Crest Ware	Letter Files	Hair Brushes
Trusses, Rubber Goods	Bohemian Ware	Toilet Articles
Antiseptic Dressings	Grecian Ware	Chamois

The Union Telephone office located in our store.

Store Open Night and Day.

NEW STORE

NEW CLOTHING.

NEW PIECE GOODS.

NEW EVERYTHING.

EXCEPTING

OLD *PRINCIPLE "VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY."*

H. W. RUBIN & CO.

AN UP-TO-DATE CUTTER.
MERCHANT TAILORING A SPECIALTY.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

Dry Goods, Carpets, Shoes.

Groceries.

Our store offers many new attractions this week to which we cordially invite the public.

Parasols.

This year's dressy Summer girl must carry a parasol, that's what the fashion-fixers say, and, of course, this store is ready to meet the parasol fancies of the most exacting women.

Prices ranging from $1.50 to $4.50.

Sea-Grass Mattings and Rugs.

These goods are now taking the place of the common straw mattings and far excels in durability. They are highly recommended by sanitary authorities.

We give careful attention to mail orders.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Picture Mouldings

A new stock
Reasonable cost

Vive Cameras

The best—All sizes
Enquire about Price

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

IT IS

a well known fact houses doing a large business with ample capital can afford to hand a better assortments and sell closer than smaller concerns. We are doing the business, have the capital and are selling close. If we should not have what you want we will get it at once.

The Big Store,

Hamlin & Redfield.

HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, COOKING UTENSILS, PAINTS, CHINA, GLASSWARE, ETC.
Opposite Postoffice.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1900.

Smethport, Pa.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in north western Pennsylvania, only 82 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 120 miles—air line—from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the state.

Oil in vast quantities.

Within six miles of large bituminous coal beds, as well as direct line of railroad, within 30 miles of the famous shawmut bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Endless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance, which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as beech, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,400, and is growing rapidly, has classic public buildings, a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at present time are lumbering, two large wire rod glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Eaches Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the state. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1400 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the state, and probably the highest elevation used as a residence in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junctions of Kanaonthan and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Spend the 4th at Smethport.

—Remember our big Fourth of July celebration.

—Wallace's circus will exhibit in Bradford next Wednesday.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gerritt, a 12-pound boy, Wednesday, June 20.

—The Olean postmaster has received a $100 increase of salary. It is now $2,000.

—Kane is to have a young men's Republican club. Why not have one in Smethport?

—Holmes & Gilfillan make a bold statement in their hardware ad. this week. Read it.

—The Philadelphia papers are issuing beautifully illustrated convention supplements this week.

—The Bradford races will commence next Tuesday and last four days. Good sport is promised.

—The residence of P. Ford on Church street is being painted. Engstrom Bros. are doing the work.

—Ed Daly is having his residence on Main street painted. H. H. Sasse & Co. are doing the work.

—The automobile race will be one of the leading attractions of the celebration at Smethport this year.

—Fry & Herzog have some interesting prices this week in their ad. It pays to watch their ads. if you buy for cash.

—Ten people lost their lives and seven were badly injured in a fire in New York last Friday morning.

—An 8-pound baby boy arrived at the home of S. E. Bell Wednesday morning. All concerned are doing well.

—Bell Bros.' new ad this week is as interesting as ever. They are among Olean's most enterprising merchants.

—Mrs. A. W. Colegrove entertained fifteen little folks in honor of her daughter, Elnora, on Wednesday afternoon.

—Henry Ronan died at his home in Bradford last Friday morning. Mr. Ronan was well known and highly respected in this place.

—D. W. Lerch, who was arrested last week for opening a letter addressed to his former partner, W. W. Smith, has been discharged.

—We are in receipt of a neat pamphlet describing the attractions of the Fairfield Traction line of Lancaster, Ohio. It is beautifully illustrated with half-tones.

—Work has been commenced on the ditch for the new 6-inch water line from the reservoir to supply water consumers above Main street.

—All who will take part in the fantastics on Fourth of July are requested to meet at the hose house to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

—Work has been commenced on the wall for the new residence of F. A. Green on the south side of King street, between Mechanic and Hill streets.

—Mrs. A. E. Hinman has a new millinery advertisement in this issue. She has just moved into the Rubin store and solicits a share of the trade.

—The Smith Chemical works in Bradford were destroyed by fire last Friday morning. Some of the employes had narrow escapes from death. Loss $30,000; insurance $10,000.

—Chas. Patton was arrested in Erie and brought here and lodged in jail on Wednesday. Patton is one of the gang who robbed Hadley Foster in Bradford about four years ago.

—After a more careful estimate of the cost of the Baptist church it is found the building cost about $7,500. The cost of lot was $500 and the organ $1,000, making the entire cost $9,000.

—J. C. Phillip's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. showed under a tent in this borough Monday evening. The company was hardly up to the average, and the concert was the redeeming feature.

—Maggie Fritz, aged 6 years, was drowned in a lye vat at Roley Road, Elk county, one day last week. She went into the chemical works for a drink of water with the above result.

—The street fair held in Olean last week was not a success and a great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed by the business men of Olean as well as by the people who attended the fair.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach on the following topics next Sunday: In the morning at 10:30, "Faith and Confession." In the evening at 7:30, "Naaman's Theory; or Some Other Than the Gospel Way Desired."

—The youngest member of the Eddy family, a boy about seven years old, who was here with the Rhoda Royal shows, was killed at Port Allegany on Saturday last by being trampled on by some of the circus horses.

—The management of the Philadelphia Sunday Press announce that a reproduction of Percy Moran's famous water color, "The Ideal Summer Girl," will be given free with every copy of that paper next Sunday, June 24.

—Some of the finest trout we have seen this year were brought to this office on Tuesday by Geo. Hyde. He had two that were 12 inches long each and weighed nearly a pound apiece. They were caught in the main stream of Potato creek.

—The Fourth of July committee had great expense and trouble with the manufacturers of automobiles to arrange the automobile race for the Fourth. It is an attraction alone worth coming miles to see and no doubt will attract a great number of people.

—The Coudersport band and base ball team have been secured for the 4th of July celebration at Smethport. Both the band and ball team have an enviable reputation and you will miss good music and a good ball game unless you go to Smethport the 4th.

—Five New York hunters who killed a large amount of game in Bradford county and attempted to slip the same to their homes at Mount Vernon, N. Y., settled with the state game commissioner for about $2,000 at Ridgway, Pa., the other day.—Bradford Era.

—List of letters remaining in the post office at Smethport for the week ending June 16, 1900: Wm. Annis, J. Coleman, Jas. Donnelly, Harry Finch, Miss Ida Johnson, Miss Nellie Pierce, W. J. Roberts, Miss Theda Shafen, Thos. Smith, Chas. Smeeney, Miss Anna Walsh.

—On Saturday last S. E. Bell was handed a ring which was found near Hon. T. A. Morrison's residence by a workman about the place, it containing his and his wife's initials. Mr. Bell says that seven years ago he lost the ring while mowing the lawn and it was found last week.

—Burgess F. W. Brownell makes the request that all property owners cut the grass along the sidewalks. There is no ordinance compelling the cutting of the grass, but there is one prohibiting the obstructing of streets and sidewalks, so it is advisable to keep the grass from hanging over the walks.

—The Lackawanna Lumber company now operating at Cross Fork, recently purchased 60,000 acres of timber in West Virginia. Henry Wedge, who built the large mill at Cross Fork, has been requested to go down there to superintend the building of the new mills which will soon be erected.—Austin Republican.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 8 p. m. The lesson for the day will be on "Cain and Abel." The anthems will be Gounod's "Praise Ye Jehovah;" "Rock of Ages," male voices, and the duet, "I Waited for the Lord," from the "Lobgesang" of Mendelssohn.

—Rev. Dr. Walker and family will leave town next Monday morning for Covington, Ky. He will officiate at the marriage of his son Wednesday, June 27. On July 5 William H. Walker and bride will sail for Europe to remain abroad four months. In the absence of the pastor Rev. W. L. Hazen of Hazelhurst will preach Sunday morning, July 1. No evening service. Dr. Walker expects to be in his pulpit July 8.

—The Rhoda Royal show which exhibited here on Thursday of last week was well attended and gave general satisfaction as far as it went, but there was one thing that caused considerable kicking, and that was the price. The show was a good 25 cent exhibition but there was not enough to warrant a 50 cent admission fee. We understand the admission charged in other towns was only 25 cents and that is enough.

—While C. L. Peck, accompanied by his wife, was driving from Cross Fork to Coudersport one day last week, a wild animal closely resembling a wolf, came up the mountain side with loud hoarse barks, until he came so near the horses that they became badly frightened and lit out down the old pike. The driver was perfectly willing to let them go, and only one view of the animal was had. Mr. Peck is quite sure it was a wolf.—Coudersport Journal.

—A dispatch from Pittsburg says: The window glass scale for the coming fire was signed by representatives of the American Window Glass company and the Window Glass Workers' Association. It gives the workers an advance of between 2½ and 3½ per cent. The manufacturers agree to pay the snappers, taking 11 per cent. from the wages of the blowers and gatherers for this purpose. But as the blowers and gatherers were paying 14 per cent. to these men, the result is 3 per cent advance. President Chambers of the "combine" says he is confident 75 per cent of the company's plants will continue work during the balance of June.

—On Thursday last while the C. and C. club were coming to the railroad station from their camp the boys met a young man, a member of the Rhoda Royal show, who had fallen from one of the show cars and broken his arm. Young reduced the fracture and he was taken to Smethport by the boys, who asked the company for assistance but was turned down and the members of the club bought the unfortunate young man a ticket to Punxsutawney and sent him home.

—The union gospel temperance meeting held last Sunday evening in the Methodist church was very successful. Mrs. Wm. B. Hefleumann's address on the "Privileges and Responsibilities of Young Women" was excellent in thought, in expression and in presentation. Rev. Dr. Walker read an interesting report of the general conference of the M. E. church, showing on the part of the mighty body an unwavering antagonism to intemperance. Rev. T. D. Ware made stirring remarks against licensing the gigantic evil of liquor-dealing. The congregation was large and all gave that attention which proves general satisfaction.

—The Olean Times says: A rumor is current among local railroad men that the train service on the W. N. Y. & P. road under the Pennsylvania management is still further to be improved. It is learned from semi-official sources that there will be a new schedule which will go into effect July 1st. This new schedule is understood to provide for two new fast trains in addition to the present service. One is to be an early morning train from Buffalo and the other is to be a later evening train to Buffalo. The through train now arriving here shortly after 8 o'clock in the evening going south will go later and it is also stated that the new management will enter a bid for the mail contracts and should they be successful in the bid there will be a fast mail train put on also.

—The various committees appointed to arrange the 4th of July celebration at Smethport are working with a will and the outlook is favorable for one of the most successful celebrations ever held here. Our prosperous town with its two new railroads, new industries and largely increased population will celebrate as few of her sister towns are able to. The following committees have the celebration in charge: Sunrise salute, H. Hallman; races and novelty contests, S. Gorton, Jr.; ball game, Dr. John Clark; industrial parade, W. O. Hamlin; fantastic parade, Alex Clarke; bicycle parade, Dr. F. C. Pierce; fireworks, L. K. Hogarth; platform dance, T. H. Purtle; decorations, D. M. Brasted; finance, R. E. Burdick; band, F. W. Brownell; advertising, H. L. Backus; executive, S. E. Bell, Sandford Fry, Guy McCoy.

—A farewell reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. H. G. James last night in the Baptist church by the members of Mr. James' Sunday school, of which Mrs. James is a member. The affair was strictly informal in all its arrangements and appointments. The parlors of the church where Mr. and Mrs. James received, were beautifully decorated with ferns, pink carnations and roses. Throughout the reception light refreshments were served. At the conclusion of the evening there were impromptu remarks by Dr. Hanna, Mr. Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. James. The large attendance was a testimonial to the regard and esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. James are held by their friends. Mr. James and his wife have been workers and members of the Baptist church for many years and their departure for the far west is deeply regretted by all.—Bradford Star of Friday.

—Wednesday evening at about 7 o'clock a very sad accident occurred on the Marvin creek road, about three miles above Smethport, and resulted in the death of Clare, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John McDowell. The child was run over by a wagon loaded with bark in charge of Jas. McDowell, a brother, but just how the accident happened is not known. Clare and his sister were playing in the road in front of the McDowell home. Mr. McDowell and his son came up the road with two loads of bark and in some way the little fellow was thrown down and run over. When picked up and asked where he was hurt he pointed to his back. Everything possible was done to alleviate his sufferings, but he died in a few minutes. Clare was a bright little fellow and was loved by all. The funeral will be held to-morrow at 11 o'clock from the house and at 2 p. m. from the church at Farmers Valley.

Camping Parties.

Since the fires went out in the glass factories camping parties have become numerous and next week we expect to see large strings of trout and hear larger stories brought into town by the various anglers.

On Monday Ben Fulkerson, Wm. Lund, Sam Edgar, Ed Edgar and Chas. Wilson went up on the east branch of Potato creek for a week's fishing. Ed. Daly took them up and says they are pleasantly located.

A party composed of Sanders Modrehouse, Chas. Nixon, Will Auderfer, Will Haines, Will Titus, Leon Hogarth, Bob Hatfield and Jim Holland departed for the west branch of Potato creek on Monday. They intend to stay as long as the bait lasts.

Tuesday Will Provin, Walter Hamilton, Smiley Hunter and Ed Blaine started for the woods on the banks of the Driftwood, near St. Marys. They will be gone about four days.

On Wednesday a party headed by Lew Johnson and Joe Mills pitched their tents on the banks of the Allegheny near Eldred, where they will angle for bass, pike and other large fish for several days.

Camp Glass Workers' Picnic.

On Friday last the fire was put out in the Camp Glass factory after a very successful fire for 1899-1900, and according to the custom the event was celebrated by a picnic.

The picnic was held in White's grove Saturday afternoon and was enjoyed by nearly all the workers and a number of invited guests. A large table had been constructed and from 4 o'clock until all were served the table was laden with a most appetizing repast. Turtle soup, sandwiches, beans, pickles and all that hungry or thirsty man could desire were served in plenty and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Shortly before the writer appeared on the scene it is reported that Scott Walker, the popular bookkeeper at the factory, drank a bottle of pop and walked over to the bank of the creek and took an impromptu bath without removing his wearing apparel, much to the amusement of the audience assembled.

Voice Culture.

Miss Agnes McCoy having received her diploma in voice culture from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, has decided to take a few pupils for the summer. She has a thorough knowledge of the subject, having had training under some of the best voice builders and teachers. We can seldom secure the services of a good vocal teacher in our town and this is a fine opportunity for our young singers to perfect themselves in the art of singing. Miss McCoy will be pleased to see all who are interested any afternoon at her father's house.

FIREBUGS ARRESTED.

Officer Bronk Arrests Three Boys for Burning Buildings in Smethport.

There was considerable excitement on our streets last Friday morning when it was learned that Officer Bronk had arrested Roy Carter, Ward Weaver and Earl Abbey for arson.

Thursday Bronk went to Olean and found Carter under arrest charged with being drunk and disorderly, paid his fine and brought him home. When they reached town he read a warrant to the boy, charging him with setting fire to the schoolhouse, Gifford's barn and the McNulty building. As soon as Carter was placed in jail Bronk hired a rig, drove to Bradford and placed Ward Weaver, who was visiting friends there, under arrest, he being charged with assisting in burning the two first named buildings, and Friday morning Earl Abbey was arrested on the charge of helping burn the schoolhouse.

We understand that Carter and Weaver each made confessions to being implicated in the setting fire to the school house and Gifford's barn, and that young Abbey was named by them as an assistant in the school house job.

The hearing was held before Justice R. L. Knalp in the court room on Friday afternoon, a large crowd of spectators being present. It was confidently expected that sensational facts would develop and all were on tip-toe of expectancy.

When the justice opened the court ex District Attorney Gerton, appearing for Ward Weaver, waived hearing and asked that amount of bail be fixed. Judge Morrison, who was present, fixed the amount at $1,000 on each of the two counts. J. C. Weaver and Hon. Loyal Ward of Bradford qualified as sureties.

This matter being adjusted the hearing proceeded. Miss Barbara Davis was the first witness called and testified in substance as follows:

Am acquainted with Ward Weaver and Roy Carter. On the night Gifford's barn burned the boys were in the house playing cards. They started out and going took a paring knife from the kitchen; asked them what they were going to do with it and they said they were going to set Gifford's barn on fire. After they had been gone about fifteen minutes the alarm sounded and I looked out and saw the barn burning. Both afterwards told me they had set the barn on fire and when I asked why said I just to create a little excitement. About a week afterward heard Carter say if Earl Abbey pinched on who set fire to the barn he would tell that Abbey set fire to the school house.

Bert Metzgar testified. Am acquainted with defendants. About a month or six weeks ago Roy Carter told me that he, Ward Weaver and Earl Abbey set fire to the school house; that he watched outside while Weaver and Abbey went inside and started the blaze. They gained entrance by tearing screen from one of the basement windows on the west side of the building.

C. A. Burdick testified that he was on the ground shortly after the breaking out of the school house fire and found screen torn off basement window on northwest corner; found and preserved screen.

Merti Davis: Ward Weaver told me that he and Roy Carter set the Gifford barn on fire; that Carter raised up the hay and he threw in the match. He also told me that Carter and Earl Abbey set fire to the school house; that they got in a window that he was not present at the time, but Carter told him about it. Saw Carter and Abbey lying on the ground on the west side of the school house about 9:30 o'clock the night it burned.

Esther Berge testified that she and Mertie Davis sat on the school house steps for a few minutes about 9:3. o'clock on the night the building burned. Saw Roy Carter and Earl Abbey lying on the ground near the building on west side. Boys were still there when she and Miss Davis left. The boys never told her they had set fire to any building.

Joe McCabe testified that the night the McNulty house on Main street burned he and Carter came up from the glass works together. Carter said he was going to fire that building. Met Carter up street afterwards and was told fire had been started; would not believe it. Then Carter took him down Water street and showed fire burning on back side of the building. This was before the alarm was given. Fire was on the outside and burning up toward the roof.

Jerry McCarty, who occupied a part of the McNulty building as a shoe shop at the time of the fire, testified that Roy Carter and Joe McCabe came into his shop that night and went out when he closed it for the night. About half an hour after he left the fire alarm sounded and he came up town and saw the building burning.

Several witnesses who had been subpoenaed were not called and here the prosecution rested.

Earl Abbey was held on one count and gave bail in the sum of $1,600, W. D. Gallup becoming his surety.

Roy Carter was held in the sum of $1,500 on each of three charges. Bail not forthcoming he was remanded to the care of the sheriff.

The three boys who are charged with this grave crime range in age from 15 to 19 years and are the sons of highly respected citizens of this borough, and it is impossible to explain their object or desire to do such work.

Officer Bronk is deserving of much praise for his diligent work in ferreting out the mystery of these fires. When it is considered that a detective spent some time here last summer on this case without success it will be seen that the task undertaken and successfully carried out by Mr. Bronk was no easy one. He should receive a handsome reward for his effort and expense in doing this work.

Valuable Property For Sale.

House and lot centrally located in Smethport, terms moderate. Also store in the Dell, which for rent after May 22 12-tf A. REILLY.

The New York Champion rake is the best in the market. All farmers know this fact. They are sold at Mason's Hardware.

R. C. Gleason will keep his photograph gallery open all day July 4th. You are invited to call.

Barb wire, poultry wire, screen wire at HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

Picnic Excursion.

The day was charming, dressed warm and pleasant to answer to the popes of one hundred and seventy-five Travelers, their families and their friends who started for a day's outing over the Kushequa railroad. The committee of arrangements had decorated the big coach with yellow and white bunting, daisies, buttercups and flags. The Travelers displayed their badges of yellow and white, their guests, the Chautauquans, decorated themselves in red and white. Some wore the colors of both clubs. The Travelers took delight in a mistake in the person of Dr. Pierce in a white duck suit with yellow hat band, tie and white duck draped sash.

It was a very merry crowd and the journey from start to finish was enjoyable. The impromptu speech every one had to say on the subject, were a parrot couple of incidents and to mutual signing for their wives, their dear husbands aboard. Reached Kushequa. Mr. Kane had made no parts to watch the logs and lumber and in such a way as to make the trip in the shortest space of time.

By the time it was noon all the inner man and woman demanded nourishment, so Mr. Kane led the way to a shady spot where cool water could be obtained. Fires were lighted, tin dishes cleaned and coffee filled the air, baskets were soon emptied and there was a noticeable decrease in the rolling powers of the most loquacious who declared themselves too full for utterance.

On the return trip a stop was made at Mt. Jewett. The people of that bustling little city were treated to an unexpected parade which they ventured to guess had just escaped from Warren.

Returning to Kushequa Mr. Kane, aided by his obliging agent, Mr. Charles Gleason, conducted the picnickers through the mill, the clothespin factory and the acid works which proved to be most interesting and instructive.

Fifteen minutes were spent at the Kinzua viaduct.

The cameras were busy all the way. Mr. Eckels and Dr. Pierce securing snapshots of some very fine groups and views. The train which was a special beyond Newton and the regular between there and Smethport came home on time, bringing a happy though weary and dirty crowd, well pleased with their delightful trip. Three rousing cheers were given in appreciation of the efforts of the committee, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Bleyer and Mrs. Hogarth, and the gladness of Mr. Kane, who spared no effort to make the excursion an agreeable one. Some of the many yells are given below in the belief that such little gems of poetic art ought not to be consigned to oblivion:

1. Zip, zip, zip! Zip, zip, zip!
Smethport, Smethport Travelers Club!

2. We've got a mascot, we're all right,
Don't you see him in yellow and white?

3. Who are we? Who are we?
Normandy C. L. S. C.

4. Where, oh where, is she so blythe?
Our honored president, Mrs. Forsythe.

5. Yell, yell till you split your lung!
And give three cheers for Mrs. Young!

6. The conductor was a little disconcerted by being obliged to perform his duty amid a chorus of

Punch, punch, punch with care!
Punch in the presence of the passenjaire.

7. Mr. Kane was heard with: What's the matter with E. K. Kane? He's all right! Who's all right? Elisha Kent Kane! What's the matter with his railroad? It's all right!

8. Quo, qua Kushequa!
Can you say it without breaking your jaw?

9. Stop! stop! at Mt. Jewett.
If you don't you'll surely smash.

10. Who, who starts our whistle?
The everjolly Harry Wells.

11. His wonderous wit open your eyes,
Our honored poet, Mr. Weltz.

12. He rides in the car 'cause he's got the shekels,
Our only man member, Mr. Eckels.

13. Awful hungry, we poor sinners,
Let us go out and get our dinners.

The Fall of Eve.

Miss Evangeline Keck, who is spending the glad summer days in Whitechapel-on-the-Tuna, met with a distressing accident. She was standing at the top of a stairway, undecided as to whether she should wear her pink tea gown or the tailor-made frock with the green binding, when her foot slipped and she was hurled down the stairway with frightful rapidity and loss of life. She struck the bottom with such vigor and enthusiasm that a small knoll was erected upon the back of her head and, as she afterwards expressed it, "the spine of her back shook." Miss Keck was carried to her apartments and, through force of habit, perhaps, her friends summoned the police. Officer Scott, who attended, thinks that the young lady will pull through in a few days.—Bradford Era.

Buffalo and Niagara Falls Excursion.

The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway announces the first excursion of the season to the above points on Sunday, June 24. This excursion will afford a golden opportunity to visit Pan-American Buffalo and wonderous Niagara at a season of the year when the sights of a great city and the scenes at the great cataract are at their best.

Special train will leave Mt. Jewett at 9:30 a. m., arriving at Buffalo at noon and Niagara at 12:40 p. m. Returning special will leave the Falls at 6:30 p. m. and Buffalo at 7:30 p. m. Tickets will also be good for return passage on all regular trains from Buffalo on Monday, June 25, 1900. The extreme low rate of $1.50 from Mt. Jewett is made for the round trip.

The P., S. & N. will run a train leaving Smethport at 7:35 a. m. to connect at Mt. Jewett with B., R. & P., returning same night. Fare to Mt. Jewett and return, 50 cents.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa. cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health. LAWRENCE BAYER,
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Cheap Insurance.

Many a man has been insured against Bright's disease, diabetes or other longer name for it by using Foley's Kidney Cure. Takes no effect. E. K. Hogarth & Co.

One or about June 30th my photograph gallery will be closed for a month, and those who desire photos before that date will please call and get their orders in early. R. C. GLEASON.

Land in tracts to suit purchasers, for sale by the undersigned. Also a number of desirable dwelling houses in Smethport. Also valuable timber lands in Elk county, Pa. Inquire of E. K. Hogarth & Co.

LOST On road between Corydon and Mt. Jewett gentleman's gold open face watch. Finder will receive liberal reward by leaving same at the store of Anderson & Carlson, Smethport, Pa.

A full line of Kodaks and Cameras, also a complete assortment of Kodak supplies always on hand. Developing and printing done promptly. E. K. Hogarth & Co.

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Call and see the New York Champion rakes at Mason's.

Bark spuds $1. at HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Attorney W. F. Knapp of Warren was in town Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff J. L. Davis visited Bradford on Monday.

William Henry Walker of New York arrived in town last Wednesday.

Harold Backus has returned from school in Buffalo for the summer vacation.

Misses Georgia Cady and Bessie Perrin visited Bradford friends on Tuesday.

Miss Josie Holder, who has been visiting friends in Olean returned home on Tuesday.

Orle J. Hamlin is attending the commencement exercises at Hobart college this week.

Mrs. Sheridan Gorton returned last evening from a two weeks visit with Buffalo friends.

J. L. Bayer and Agent Loring of Clermont were pleasant callers at the office on Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Forrest returned on Thursday evening last from Buffalo where she has been attending school.

Misses Grace and Hattie Leigh of Port Allegany were guests of Smethport friends Tuesday evening.

National Delegate James A. Mehaffy, W. H. and F. D. Gallup and John R. Shoemaker left Sunday for Portland Ore. when they are attending the convention.

Misses Maude McCollum and Matt Conley left Tuesday morning for a few days' visit in Kane. The young ladies made the trip from Mt. Jewett to Kane on their wheels.

Correspondence.

ANNIN CREEK.

Another of the oldest settlers of Annin Creek has passed away. Mr. Theron Cooper died at his old home at 9 p. m. Saturday, June 16. Mr. Cooper was born in 1824 and came to this place in 1853 with his father's family and has resided here ever since. As his was the second family to move into the wilderness, for such it was at that time, Mr. Cooper had the privilege of seeing to the change that has been made in 47 years. Mr. Cooper has been a very good man and a neighborhood. He was a peaceable and obliging neighbor. His companion with whom he had lived for over sixty years, died about six months ago. He leaves five sons, Alburtus, Joel and John, who reside near, and Silas and Edwin, now in the west, and one daughter, Mrs. Myron Smith of Garner, Pa. Mrs. Smith was with both her parents during the last few days of their lives, giving them her constant care. The funeral took place in the Baptist church of which he has been a member many years. Rev. Shaw of Port Allegany conducted the services.

Charley Hodge and Rose Marsh are home from Eldred, having been thrown out of a job there by the burning of the mill recently.

Mrs. Phoebe Cooper and her son, Ralph, were down from Mina the first of the week.

Mrs. Joel Scott of Bolivar is visiting her sister, Mrs. Leroy March, at this writing.

Mrs. Wesley Kinney has been on the sick list for the past week.

The prospect for a hay crop in this vicinity is very poor.

COLLEVILLE.

Quite a number of our young people attended the party Friday evening at L. W. Fuggle's in Farmers Valley. All report a good time.

Miss Julia Moran returned home Wednesday from Allegany, N. Y., where she has been attending the St. Elizabeth school.

D. M. Cotton and family returned home Saturday from Butler, where they attended the G. R. camp meeting.

Miss Emma Snyder departed for Chipmunk, N. Y., Tuesday where she will remain an extended visit.

Mrs. May Cook returned home Saturday from Tuesday where she has been visiting friends some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore of Piper City, Ill., are visiting relatives and friends in town.

T. W. Sherby of Farmers Valley reg'lator at Independence Saturday.

Mrs. J. Moore and Mrs. H. Hall were shoppers in Smethport Tuesday.

Messrs. Thede and Willie Moore had business in Bradford Monday.

Miss May Jones of Kinzua is the guest of Mrs. Nina Bromley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman drove to Bradford Saturday.

H. S. Hamman transacted business in Bradford Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. Wilson of Simpson is visiting friends in town.

F. B. Dugel transacted business in Bradford Tuesday.

FARMERS VALLEY.

Mrs. John Mosier and the Misses Wilson visited Olean last Thursday, returning home Saturday.

Gospel meetings are being held in Tyler's hall Sunday evenings. Everybody invited to attend.

Mrs. D. W. Leahy and Mrs. P. H. McGill visited Olean last Wednesday.

George Otto and wife of Olean have been visiting friends here.

Samuel Lewis has moved his house where he can view the valley.

Miss Phebe Hyde called on Miss Mary McGill last Saturday.

Charles Cleaver has returned to his home in Brooklyn.

Would Not Suffer So Again for Fifty Times Its Price.

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly walk. I went to Miller & McCandless' drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I procured the medicine and before one dose was all gone I felt like a new man. I would not suffer so again for fifty times its price.—C. H. Wilson, Everyman, Bridgetown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy for sale by E. K. Hogarth & Co.

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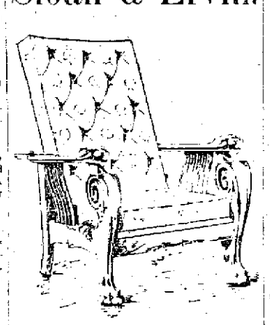

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At 49c instead of $1.50 for handsome colored waists.

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The largest stock to select from in the city, ranging in price from 29c to $5.00.

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Jennie Baxter, Journalist.

(Continued.)

along the line I had drawn an explosion must have occurred and could only hope that it had not been a serious one, which it seems it was. I waited and waited, hardly daring to leave my attic, but hearing no news of any disaster I was torn between the anxiety that would naturally come to any humane man in my position—who did not wish to destroy life—and the fear that, if nothing had occurred, I had not actually made the discovery I thought I had made. You spoke of my actions being childish, but when I realized that I had myself been the cause of the explosion a fear of criminal prosecution came over me. Not that I should object to imprisonment if they would allow me to continue my experiments, but that doubtless they would not do, for the authorities know nothing of science and care less."

In spite of her initial skepticism, Jennie found herself gradually coming to believe in the efficiency of the harmless looking mechanism of glass and iron that she saw on the table before her, and a sensation of horror held her spellbound as she gazed at it. Its awful possibilities began slowly to develop in her mind, and she asked breathlessly:

"What would happen if you were to turn that machine and point it toward the center of the earth?"

"I told you what would happen. Vienna would lie in ruins, and possibly the whole Austrian empire and perhaps some adjoining countries would become a mass of impalpable dust. It may be that the world itself would dissolve. I cannot tell what the magnitude of the result might be, for I have not dared to risk the experiment."

"Oh, this is too frightful to think about!" she cried. "You must destroy the machine, professor, and you must never make another."

"What! And give up the hope that my name will descend to posterity?"

"Professor Seigfried, when once this machine becomes known to the world there will be no posterity for your name to descend to. With the present hatred of nation against nation, with different countries full of those unimprisoned maniacs whom we call jingoes—men preaching the hatred of one people against another—how long do you think the world will last when once such knowledge is at hand in it?"

The professor looked longingly at the machine he had so slowly and painfully constructed.

"It would be of much use to humanity if it were, but benevolently employed. With the cornfields everywhere diminishing, it would supply a motive force for the universe that would last through the ages."

"Professor Seigfried," exclaimed Jennie earnestly, "when the Lord permits a knowledge of that machine to become common property it is his will that the end of the world shall come."

The professor said nothing, but stood with deeply wrinkled brow, gazing earnestly at the mechanism. In his hand was the hammer head which he had previously given to the girl. His arm went up and down as if he were estimating its weight. Then suddenly, without a word of warning, he raised it and sent it crashing through the machine, whose splintering glass fell with a musical tinkle on the floor.

Jennie gave a startled cry, and with a low moan the professor struggled to

Then suddenly he raised it and sent it crashing through the machine.

his chair and fell rather than sat down in it. A ghastly pallor overspread his face, and the girl in alarm ran again to the cupboard, poured out some brandy and offered it to him, then tried to pour it down his throat, but his tightly set teeth resisted her efforts. She chafed his rigid hands, and once he opened his eyes and slowly shook his head.

"Try to sip this brandy," she said, seeing his jaws relax.

"It is useless," he murmured with difficulty. "My life was in the instrument, as brittle as the glass. I have"—

He could say no more. Jennie went swiftly down stairs to the office of a physician, on the first floor, which she had noticed as she came up.

The medical man, who knew of the scientist, but was not personally acquainted with him, for the professor had few friends, went up the stairs two at a time, and Jennie followed him more slowly. He met the girl at the door of the attic.

"It is useless," he said. "Professor Seigfried is dead, and it is my belief that in his taking away Austria has lost her greatest scientist."

"I am sure of it," answered the girl, with trembling voice; "but perhaps after all it is for the best."

"I doubt that," said the doctor. "I never feel so like quarreling with Providence as when some noted man is removed right in the midst of his usefulness."

"I am afraid," replied Jennie solemnly, "that we have hardly reached a state of development that would justify us in criticising the wisdom of Providence. In my own short life I have seen several instances where it seemed that Providence intervened for the protection of his creatures, and even the sudden death of Professor Seigfried does not shake my belief that Providence knows best."

She turned quickly away and went down the stairs in some haste. At the outer door she heard the doctor call down, "I must have your name and address, please."

But Jennie did not pause to answer. She had no wish to undergo cross examination at an inquest, knowing that, if she told the truth she would not be believed, while if she attempted to hide it unexpected personal inconvenience might arise from such a course. She ran rapidly to the street corner, hailed a hack and drove to a distant part of the city; then she went to a main thoroughfare, took a tram car to the center of the town and another cab to the palace.

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A young man seems to be willing to make almost any sacrifice for the girl he loves except to go home early and save her from a scolding next morning.—Atchison Globe.

When one woman has a secret to tell another, it always makes her mad to discover that the other knew it first.—Chicago News.

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He Thought He Could Bluff the Office Elevator Boy, and There Is Where He Made an Awful Mistake—The Boy's Story of His Revenge.

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A few weeks ago, when Mr. Rockaway, the Kodak agent, moved into room 68, he took an early opportunity to say to me:

"Sammis, there are owners of skyscrapers, and there are agents and janitors of skyscrapers, but the elevator boy is the real boss."

"Yes, sir; he is," I humbly replied.

"If he stands in with the tenant, that tenant is all right; if he don't stand in, then the tenant might as well hunt for another office. I want to stand in with you, Sammis."

"Yes, sir."

"You are a widow's son. Here's half a dollar to cheer your mother's lonely heart. You are trying to pay off the gigantic mortgage left on the estate by

THEN SHE STARTED IN TO WRECK THINGS.

your father. Here's another half to assist you. This is simply preparatory, Sammis. Quarters and halves and dollars will clink and rattle around here and pass from me to you with astonishing frequency. All you've got to do is to look out for my interests."

"Yes, sir."

"Should a woman call here, Sammis—an oldish woman, with red hair and a sharp nose and a voice like a file"—

"You are out, of course. She's the woman who wants contributions for the heathen, and you don't want to be bothered."

"Exactly, Sammis. And you are a jewel!" he said as he patted me on the head. "I am always to be out when she calls. You are to discourage her from calling again. You may even hint that I have removed to Chicago or St. Louis. I see you closely scrutinizing my side whiskers, Sammis. Don't you like the color?"

"Yes, sir, but they are false."

"Ah, Sammis, another quarter for the gigantic mortgage. It's a little notion of mine to wear false whiskers for a few weeks, and nothing need be said about it. What we know we know, but we keep mum about it. You trust me; I trust you. We'll make that mortgage look sick in a month or two. Ta, ta, Sammis! I think we understand each other."

I thought so, too, and it was all right for two or three weeks. Mr. Rockaway didn't come down with any more halves, but I didn't lay that up against him. It was what he said and did that hurt my feelings. One day at the fourth floor a lawyer's boy called me a sawed off liar. I stopped the elevator to punch his head and thus was late getting up to answer a call from Mr. Rockaway. He was mad about it, and, taking me by the ear, he said:

"You trifling young monkey, but I'll have no more of this! I've a good mind to report you to the agent and have you bounced! What do you mean by such conduct?"

"I'm sorry, sir."

"That makes no difference. From this time out I shall have an eye on you, and you'll either walk chalk or get the bounce. Do you hear me?"

The iron struck home. From that hour I waited and longed for a red-headed, sharp nosed woman to appear. Luck was with me. On the afternoon of the fifth day she walked in and made straight for me and said:

"Bub, I'm looking for a man named Rockaway. I'm his wife."

"Have you got business with him?" I asked.

"I have—strict business. Is there such a man in this building?"

"There is a Mr. Rockaway here, but he's got side whiskers."

"Oh, he has! Well, I'll pull 'em off in three seconds! Take me right up."

I took her up. I am not a bad elevator boy at heart, but a boy in my position has got to maintain his dignity among the tenants. I held the elevator until I saw her enter room 68 and heard the first shock of collision, and then I had business elsewhere. What happened after that was told by the typewriter in Mr. Rockaway's office. When the redheaded woman bounced into the room, she first attacked those beautiful side whiskers, and they were wrecked in a breath. Then she started in to wreck things, and her language was English and her tones loud. She had the whole floor alarmed in two minutes, and the people who rushed in found the typewriter girl sliding under the desk and Mr. Rockaway on the floor and mixed up with broken furniture. It was lively while it lasted, and the redheaded woman had breath enough left to explain that the man on his back was her lawful husband, but had run away from her in Buffalo a year before. He had nothing to say in reply, and when the agent came up and told him that he had better look for other quarters he prepared to move.

[illegible] the remains of [illegible] had been sent away. [illegible] me to take him down. [illegible] scowled his side whiskers. There [illegible] on his face and [illegible] a lump on his jaw, and the witness yet lingered in his eyes. I expected he would threaten or reproach me, but he didn't feel at all that way. On the contrary, there was sadness in his voice and gentleness in his hand as he reached out for a farewell shake and said:

"Sammis, I cannot blame you. I began right, but I did not carry out the programme. I started in to be a father to you and to help lift that gigantic mortgage, but later on I decided that bluff would be the game to work. You saw my bluff and went one better. I was you who brought her up?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you gave my side whiskers away?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, it was my own fault. Office gone, whiskers gone, typewriter gone and the redheaded woman camped on my trail. I am financially ruined, Sammis, and can't say that I have even saved my honor. However, here's my hand, and I bear you no ill will. If I die, I shall forgive you. If I live on, it will be a great moral lesson to me."

That afternoon Mr. Rasher, the agent, called me into his office and said:

"Sammis, has your wounded dignity been healed?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then don't take any more redheaded women up in the elevator. Such fit the affairs as that in room 68 cause gossip and hurt our business."

Just at present our building is as quiet as a graveyard, and I hope it may long remain so. Something only bob up at any moment, however, but if it does it will not be the fault of

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SETTING TIRES.

The Old Way of Shrinking Them on and the Modern Way.

The old way of putting a tire on a wheel was to shrink it on. The tire was made just a trifle smaller than the wheel and then heated, with the result of expanding it slightly. When thus heated it was cooled down over the rim of the wheel and then cooled with water to keep it from burning the wheel and also to contract it. Cooling, it was shrunk on to bind the wheel tightly. The modern way of putting a tire on a wheel is with a hydraulic tire setting press.

By this method the tire is made just a trifle larger than the wheel, so that it will go over the rim freely. The end of this press, upon which the wheel lies horizontally, with an open mouth at the center for the hub, is composed of 18 sections, radiating from the center and in shape like the spaces between the spokes of a wheel. The outer end of each section is turned upward, the turned up ends making a continuous flange, or collar, all around the bed of the press. Each one of the sections has under it a hydraulic cylinder, and the sections are all arranged to work to a common center. In use the wheel is laid on the press with the cold tire around it with that turned up collar, or flange, around the edge. When the press is set in operation, the collar, or flange is irresistibly contracted. When it comes in contact with the tire around the wheel it does not bring up against it, but keeps on contracting just the same, now contracting the tire as well and setting it upon the wheel, the pressure being continued until the wheel itself has been brought to the requisite degree of dishing.—New York Sun.

Bridge-Builders' Fright.

Bridge building is a perilous business, and no insurance company will take any risk on the lives of superstructure workmen. There is one horrible sensation known to superstructure workers. It is something like stage fright.

"I know once," said one of them, "when I was up more than 140 feet, a sudden feeling came over me that I couldn't get down. I looked down, and there was a swift tide swirling around the edges of the piers. It seemed to me I should surely be killed. I clasped both arms around the beam on which I was working and lay there, just clinging to it, for 20 minutes. Luckily for me, the foreman, who was near me, saw what was the matter and had sense enough not to speak to me. If he had, I know I should certainly have fallen off. He kept on working, and I clung helplessly to the beam. Finally, in a gruff voice, he growled at me: 'Say, git out of there! I want to put a rivet there.' And I, obedient to an instinct of duty, found myself moving along. The feeling passed away as I did move and didn't come back."

"When I was in Peru building bridges," said an engineer, "I did not lose my head at work, but I more than once woke up during the night hanging to the sides of the bed in desperation for fear to keep from falling in a nightmare."—Boston Herald.

All Fools' Day.

The custom of playing pranks on April fools' day probably had its origin in France, the first nation to begin the new year Jan. 1 instead of March 25. Before the change April 1 was the day when the merrymaking of the New Year's celebration culminated. In the paying of gifts and visits in return for those already bestowed. When the reformed calendar in 1564 made the 1st of January the beginning of the new year, April 1 was the time for pretended gifts and visits of mock ceremony to make fools of those who had forgotten the change in dates.

The Romans had a holiday similar in character to this, although not coming at the same time of year, the saturnalia, and in Hindustan the feast of the Hull, on March 31, big for its lack of diversion the sending of people on fruitless errands.

In Scotland they have a trick for April fools' day which never grows stale. If a fellow can be found simple enough to undertake it, he is given a note to carry to a certain person. He reads it and says it is not for him, but that he is to go to [illegible], another man—and from there he is sent to another and so on until the bearer grows tired or sees a light. The note contains the lines:

This is the first of April,
I beat the geek another mile.

Egg Superstitions.

There are many superstitions about the egg. In Scotland and Ireland children are taught by their nurses to crush the shell after eating an egg or to push the spoon through the bottom in the form of a cross, showing a lingering relic of the once general superstitious belief that witches lived in eggshells and made boats of them, casting spells upon the Bottlebelly.

In Italy it was believed that an egg laid by a white hen on the seventh of an Easter day would cure the headache, stomach; that broken in a vineyard it would prevent its suffering from hail or similarly would save a field from frost, and its possession gave one the power to see witches. It was also believed that an egg laid on Good Friday, thrown on the fire, would extinguish it, while the devil would be killed if shot with an egg laid on Christmas.—Self Culture Magazine.

Mail Shirt of a Dervish Warrior.

The shirt is made of rings, every ring from a piece of steel wire 1½ inches long and about one-fifth of an inch thick. The ends of the piece of wire are flattened out, holes are punched through them, one end is turned on to the other, and they are fastened together by a small rivet. Every ring connects four others. The wire differs somewhat in thickness, not by design seemingly so as to make one part of the shirt stronger than another, but from material of uniform thickness running short. In parts where the rings are free to jingle together they are worn very thin. Round the neck is a band of three thicknesses of red leather, still like the steel, worn formerly in our army. It is 2½ inches high and on the outside is decorated with ornamented tapes like tailings made by a bookbinder. Notes and queries.

Flowery Phrases.

Professor Walter Raleigh, who has published a little volume on "Style," does nothing glorious "The poetry of Carlyle," he said in a recent address the other day, "has survived the passing of a religion and an empire; the diary of Mr. Samuel Pepys will be as fresh as on the day of its birth, when the Fourth bridge is noble of iron and London is a geological pancake of brick dust."

Heartless.

"And that man ever write anything that attracted attention?"

"Oh, yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "I know some people who have editors near him. He composes on a typewriter, and it is one of the noisiest machines ever constructed. Anything he writes attracts the attention of the entire building."—Washington Star.

The first slates were made out of the bones of animals. Sometimes children would sit on the backbone of a horse or cow and practice figures along the line by means of pieces of stone.

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Black Rain.

The first case of black rain which ever under recent occurred at Greensburgh and the surrounding district in August, 1900, and it is thought over an area of no less than 300 square miles, says Chambers' Journal. Some few days later happened several showers of a similar description, but less pronounced in their sable character. Other showers of black rain have been recorded in England, one of which was felt over an area of 800 square miles.

Not seeming to have microscopically examined the water which fell at Greensburgh, but it was noted that the liquid gradually cleared when placed in a suitable vessel, and a thick, heavy sediment remained. He also stated that the sediment was found to consist chiefly of microscopic organisms, which, according to Prof. Ewart, there and elsewhere, all part of the same [illegible] were identified as the same fungoid organisms that are responsible for blight in the plant, which they infest and subsequently destroy, mildew and rust in wheat and barley.

The writer points to the [illegible] dew. "Humidity is known to contribute largely to the support of the [illegible] and during protracted droughts the regions affected thereby will receive comparatively little of [illegible] during the seasons of frequent rain falls the production of a fungoid organism is largely increased."

St. Helena.

St. Helena is a great place for caves and hills. "Both abound, particularly the latter. Geologically speaking, the island is literally if not wholly, volcanic, and a lot of extinct craters are apparent. Some of the pinnacles have queer names, such as Lot's Wife, the Man and the Horse, the Asses' Ears, Holdfast Tom, Old Joan Point, Stone Top, etc.

The only inhabited place is Jamestown, which has a population of about 2,500. It lies in a deep valley surrounded by very high hills. It is not a particularly healthy place. Ladder hill is where the government house is situated. It is so called because of the [illegible] which its residents of over [illegible] to be scaled.

Nearly four miles inland from Jamestown is an isolated farmhouse, on an elevated plateau about 2,000 feet above the sea. This is Longwood, where Napoleon lived from 1815 until he died there, in 1821. The house is a long, low, whitewashed, fairly tree building, with extensive outhouses, some rather fine old trees and a good bit of decent farm land.

Black Coats.

An English clergyman, father [illegible] parsons of mature, according to Spare Moments, was fond of chatting with a witty chimney sweep.

Once, when the minister returned from his summer holidays, he happened to meet his youthful acquaintance, who seemed to have been at work.

"Where have you been?" asked the clergyman.

"Sweeping the chimneys at the vicarage," was the boy's answer.

"How many chimneys are there, and how much do you get for each?" was the next question.

The sweep said there were 20 of them and that he was paid a shilling apiece.

The clergyman, after thinking a moment, looked at the sweep in unfeigned astonishment. "Then I am robbed a great deal of money as a body—I mean the reverend fathers, and the Archdeacon, and the honorable and learned [illegible] all, who, I am sorry to say, are [illegible] to me. I [illegible] knowledge of human nature enables us to [illegible] as soon as [illegible] scientific manner.

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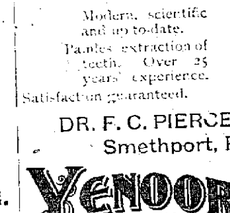

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